

REMARKS

Introduction

No claims are amended, added, or canceled, and claims 1, 5-12, and 17-20 remain pending. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-12, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by O'Shaughnessy et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,219,302; hereinafter "O'Shaughnessy"). This rejection is respectfully traversed

The Prior Art does not teach the claimed application level data directory and objects therein.

Independent claims 1 and 11 recite an application level data directory that includes a first data storage object storing a structural description describing structures of the web based application, as well as file system files of the web based application. Applicants respectfully submit that O'Shaughnessy fails to teach this limitation. As described in the previous Amendment, the application level data directory of the present invention stores structural information about the web based application (See paragraph 0028 of the application).

O'Shaughnessy, by contrast, merely organizes related files of different file types into a single directory (See O'Shaughnessy, col. 4, ll. 12-25). The Examiner asserts that the above limitation is taught by O'Shaughnessy at column

1, lines 59-67, and column 2, lines 1-15 and 38-59. However, O'Shaughnessy merely mentions the existence of a folder structure for an application. Applicants concede that O'Shaughnessy's application, and in fact a typical computer application, includes a folder structure, but that is not what is claimed in claims 1 and 11. Applicants claim data objects that store "a structural description describing the structures [of the web based application], as well as file system files of the web based application." A folder structure, as described in O'Shaughnessy, does not describe data tables, schemas of data tables, user lists, structural descriptions or control structures of a web based application. For at least these reasons, amended claims 1 and 11 should now be allowable over the cited prior art. The remaining claims depend from these claims and should also be allowable for at least the above reasons.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request favorable action in connection with this application. The Examiner is invited and urged to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Womble Carlyle's Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully Submitted,

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